

Command Sergeant Major Christopher J. Kelly

Command Sgt. Maj. Chris Kelly was born in Medford, Mass., and graduated in June 1981, from Blue Hills Regional High School. He entered the United States Army on Jan. 26, 1983. He attended One Unit Station and Airborne Training at Fort Benning, Ga., and graduated as a heavy anti-armor weapons infantryman.

Kelly has held many levels of leadership positions. He started his career as an infantryman in the 82nd Airborne Division and has successfully held positions ranging from squad leader through command sergeant major. He has served in the Active and Reserve components as well as the National Guard. His overseas deployments include two tours to Southwest Asia. He is currently assigned as the 2/350th REGT (LS) command sergeant major.

Kelly's military and civilian education includes Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC), Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course (ANCOC), Basic Airborne Course, Anti Armor Leadership Course, Jungle Warfare Course, Worldwide Port System Course (WPS), Unit Movement Officer Course, First Sergeant Course and The United States Sergeants Major Academy (Class 34). His civilian schooling includes an Associate of Arts degree from St. Petersburg Junior College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management Information Systems from the University of South Florida.

Kelly's awards and decoration include the Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), JSCOM, ARCOM (1OLC), AAM (5OLC), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (1BSS), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (1BSS), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon w/ numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Training Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Expert Infantry Badge and the Parachutist Badge.